AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to amend Section 2-104 (a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta so as to prohibit any person from ceding his/her time to another person during the Remarks by the Public portion of City Council Meetings

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council is charged with the governance of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, as part of its deliberations, input from the public is encourgaed; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-104 of the Code of Ordinances stipulates that the Council shall hear remarks form the public at its regularly scheduled meetings for a period not to exceed 30 minutes, with each person being allowed to speak a maximum of two minutes; and

WHEREAS, the members of Council are interested in hearing from as many, and as wide a variety of persons, as possible; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to limit each person to two minutes; and

WHEREAS, when another person is allowed to cede his/her time to someone else, that limits the number of persons from whom the Council is allowed to hear from.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA as follows:

Section 1: That Section 2-104 Remarks from the Public, which reads:

"(a) The council shall hear remarks from the public at its regularly scheduled meetings for a time period not to exceed 30 minutes, with each person being allowed to speak a maximum of two minutes. Any member of the public may speak to the council on matters of public concern, including matters of general policy, efficiency and the conduct of city government, provided that the president may rule out of order personal, abusive or indecorous language, or matters that the city has no purview over, and may limit the time allotted to such remarks for all speakers not to exceed 30 minutes, up to two minutes per speaker."

be amended to add the following sentence:

"No person will be allowed to cede his/her time to another person"

so that when amended, Section 2-104 (a) shall read:

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Section 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.